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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of  
Murching et al.  
Application No. 09/318,682  
Filed: May 25, 1999  
Attorney Docket No. 6748-US

ON PETITION

This decision concerns the August 29, 2003 petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned on December 27, 2002 for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the September 26, 2002 non-final Office Action.

The instant petition encloses an "Amendment and Response under 37 CFR 1.111" as reply to the September 26, 2002 non-final Office Action; authorizes the USPTO to charge the \$1,300 petition fee to Deposit Account No. 07-0832; and states that the entire delay in filing a proper reply from the due date until the filing of a grantable §1.137(b) petition was unintentional. The petition is thus granted.

The Office notes, however, that the practitioner signing the instant petition uses a correspondence address different from that in the USPTO record for this application, and does not appear to have a power of attorney for prosecuting this application before the USPTO. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to this practitioner, all future correspondence on this application will be forwarded to the current address-of-record unless the USPTO is properly instructed otherwise.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for further examination.

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